

March 24, 1998

Legislative Update

House File 2474, the Electronic Commerce Security Act, failed to pass out of committee last week. Citing the concerns expressed by the Iowa Bar Association, legislators voted the bill down in favor of waiting another year. The Bar Association asked the State to wait for a national uniform code to be completed before moving forward. The 9-2 committee vote was as follows:

No (Not Pass)

Sen. Merlin Bartz (R-Grafton)
Sen. Pat Deluhery (D-Davenport)
Sen. Tom Flynn (D-Dubuque)
Sen. Mike Gronstal (D-Council Bluffs)
Sen. Steve Hanson (D-Sioux City)
Sen. Matt McCoy (D-Des Moines)
Sen. Bill Palmer (D-Ankeny)
Sen. Don Redfern (R - Cedar Falls)
Sen. Jack Rife (R - Durant)

Yes (Pass)

Sen. Steve King (R - Kiron)
Sen. Neal Schuerer (R - Amana)

Abstain

Sen. Joann Douglas (R - Adair)
Sen. Mary Lundby (R - Marion)
Sen. Gene Maddox (R - Clive)

House File 2524, the IOWAccess bill, was placed in the House Appropriations Committee last week. This keeps the bill safe from last Friday's funnel deadline, and eligible for debate. The House and Senate are talking about an April 9 adjournment, so the Appropriations Committee will be very busy in the next week. Negotiations between ITS and legislative leaders are underway to make sure the bill is successful and passed without controversy.

Projects Update

Project 1: IOWAccess Network

The team continues to provide input to Iowa Interactive and the project leads will meet the contractor's staff soon. Kent Hiller is leading Iowa Interactive's efforts in Iowa. Matt Theobald is Iowa Interactive's web master and Scott Schrader will handle all programming and networking for the company.

Projects 2 & 3:

The project is on schedule and has developed a seven-module training for state and local government workers. Three communities – Sioux City, Fort Dodge, and Eddyville – are involved in the pilot. Trainings are being conducted face-to-face and over the ICN.

Project 4: Internet Pilot Project in Area XV

The project is on schedule. Two centers, Albia and Bloomfield, are currently operational with equipment in place and training being offered. Two

additional centers, Corydon and Oskaloosa, are scheduled to open later this spring.

Project 5: Online Budget and Tax Information

Budget submission forms have been sent out to cities, counties, and school districts. Reaction to the new process has been very positive from cities and counties. The project's web page has not yet been completed, but it is expected to be completed on schedule. The project's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 1.

Project 6: Online Housing and Finance Services

Iowa State University, the project contractor, is currently collecting information from housing assistance providers to be included on the web page. Team members have identified more than 800 sources to be included on the web page. A test of the system will be done at the April meeting.

Project 7: First Stop Business License Center, Professional Licensing Center & Regulation Guide

Beginning yesterday, the project contractor will be at the Iowa Department of Economic Development to install the hardware. The project's next meeting is May 13.

Project 8: GIS

The project team continues to work with the Governor's Office to formalize the Iowa Geographic Information Council through an Executive Order. Ann Peton, the GIS Coordinator, is working with the team to bring the GIS Clearinghouse on-line. The project team anticipates signing a 28E agreement with ISU Extension to provide GIS education over the Iowa Communications Network. The team is also considering the development of a CD ROM with statewide and local GIS data.

Project 9: STAWRS

The project is on schedule to implement the second pilot project at the end of April. Team leads will meet with the contractors in April to evaluate the project so far.

Project 10: Electronic Commerce Business Plan

The project team has completed a draft business plan and is in the process of fine-tuning the plan.

Project 11: Environmental Permitting

A contract has been signed with Windsor Technology and the team will meet with contractor representatives on May 5.

Project 12: Automated Booking Station Pilot

Polk County has installed its hardware for the project. Linn and Scott Counties will miss the April deadline by a few weeks due to a software glitch.

Project 13: Community Resource Directory Pilot

The project team met March 19. The project contractor, North Light, conducted a demonstration of the Galileo system. North Light, IBM, and Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) also met to discuss how Galileo will interface with the IWD system for services enrollment.

Pat Brockett will be leaving the Iowa Department of Human Services at the end of March and will no longer be a co-lead for Project 13. DHS is currently searching for a replacement. *The IOWAccess staff extends its appreciation to Pat for her dedication to the project and her leadership in ensuring the project's success. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.*

Project 14: Integrated Client Information for Mental Health Services

The CPC and DHS training is in the process of being rescheduled for the week of March 30. The next team meeting will be April 27.

Meetings Schedule

Steering Committee

Friday, March 20

9:00 am - Noon

Iowa Department of Economic Development - remote ICN connections available

Citizens Council

Friday, April 17

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Federal Building, 8th Floor, Des Moines - remote ICN connections available

Project 1: IOWAccess Network

Tuesday, April 21

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Site TBA

Tuesday, May 19

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Site TBA

Project 6: Online Housing and Finance Services

Friday, April 24

10:00 am - Noon

Site TBA

Project 7: First Stop Business License Center, Professional Licensing Center & Regulation Guide

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 am - Noon

Iowa Department of Economic Development

Wednesday, July 8

10:00 am - Noon

Iowa Department of Economic Development

Project 8: GIS

Monday, March 30

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Des Moines, Federal Building – remote ICN connections available

Project 9: STAWRS

Thursday, April 16

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Iowa Department of Employment Services - remote ICN connections available

Project 10: Electronic Commerce Business Plan

Friday, March 27

9:00 am - Noon

Iowa Workforce Development

Project 11: Environmental Permitting

Tuesday, May 5

2:30 - 4:30 pm

Sites TBA

Project 14: Integrated Client Information for Mental Health Services

Monday, April 27

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Veteran's Affairs – remote ICN connections available